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RE: Public commentary on U.S. v. Microsoft Settlement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

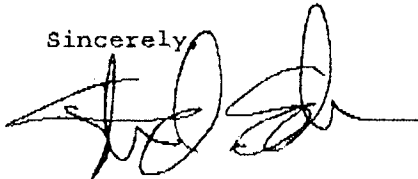
In my service as General Counsel to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe at Lake Traverse Reservation, I am concerned with the development of tribal schools and the education of Indian children. My work also involves services to other tribes in more remote areas of western South Dakota, North Dakota, and Kansas where education programs are also viewed as essential to the economic survival of Indian people and tribal governments.

Tribal schools throughout this region are becoming increasingly interested in new technologies and making sure Indian children are not left behind the curve with non-Indian students. That is why I believe the Microsoft settlement is going to have untold benefits for generations by supplying these schools and schools of other low-income students with computers, software and technical support they need to operate competent systems.

As an attorney, I have been watching the antitrust case, and I have taken an interest in its outcome. While consumers clearly have not been hurt by anything Microsoft has done, I think it is debatable whether Microsoft was inappropriate in its practices against its competitors. I am glad to see that the U.S. Justice Department and nine of the 18 states in the case come to terms with Microsoft, because I think this case has had enough time and resource paid to it to render a just settlement of issues.

I appreciate your interest in my thoughts on this settlement, and I ask for a quick resolution to approve the settlement.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Sandven